

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 11, 19, 21 and 25 are amended. Claims 5, 6, 8, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-15, 19, 21, 22 and 25-26 remain in the application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant respectfully thanks Examiner Nguyen for the time spent on the phone discussing this application on November 3, 2005. At that time, the Examiner indicated that if Applicant amended the claims, as amended above, the application would be allowed. Applicant is particularly appreciative of the Examiner's efforts insofar as the application was after final rejection and the Examiner did not procedurally have to work with Applicant. This kind of effort is sincerely appreciated by Applicant.

Applicant has amended the claims simply to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant's amendment of the claims is in no way to be construed as an admission of the propriety of the Office's rejections. Rather, Applicant reserves its right to file further continuation applications to pursue subject matter that it believes it is due in view of the cited art.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call.

Respectfully Submitted,

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